

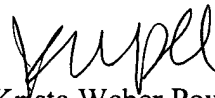
**REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 99 are currently pending in the application and subject to a Restriction Requirement.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of the claims of Group I, claims 1-28. Claims 29 through 99 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant requests an action on the merits of claims 1 through 28. Further, applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on September 1, 1999 and notes that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding Restriction Requirement. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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